

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Region III - 6th & Walnut Sts.
Philadelphia, Pa. 19106

SUBJECT: Request for additional Sampling
at Army Creek Landfill

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TO: Larry S. Miller, Chief
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After reviewing the data reports from AFO and the University of Illinois on the analytical results of the samples collected at the Army Creek Landfill I am compelled to request additional sampling of the drinking water wells and to emphasize the urgency of the situation. Although there is still some confusion about the validity of the levels of contaminants found there appears to be general agreement that there are organics in the well water which should not be there. I hope S&A can respond to this request immediately as the public health of many of the well water users may be at risk. The Water Supply Branch staff stands ready to assist or conduct the sample collection on very short notice; we have in our possession proper sampling bottles. In fact, we must be notified of any sampling so that the proper authorities (State, County, & Water Company) can be informed to assist or provide access to the wells.

Finally, I want to repeat my recent telephone request that if AFO cannot respond quickly that Wheeling Field Office become involved. As chloroform seems to be the most critical contaminant found I would think WFO has or could quickly obtain a chloroform standard for GC analysis.

Please keep me or Charlie Kleeman informed of this situation.

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